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In re Application of: Philip S. Siegel
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Group Art Unit: 2161
Confirmation No.: 7745
Title: RETURN CENTERS WITH RULES-BASED DISPOSITIONING
OF MERCHANDISE

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REQUEST FOR STATUS

Please advise of the status of the above-identified patent application. A Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application was received on July 13, 2004. The last item received by Applicant was a response letter from the Office of Petition, dated August 11, 2004. Applicant is currently awaiting a first Office Action.

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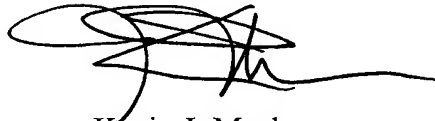
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REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and neither a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 nor a Notice of Allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151 have been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be resolved through a telephone conference, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

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